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For: NUCLEIC ACID FRAGMENT, RECOMBINANT VECTOR CONTAINING THE  
SAME AND METHOD OF PROMOTING THE EXPRESSION OF  
STRUCTURAL GENES BY USING THE SAME

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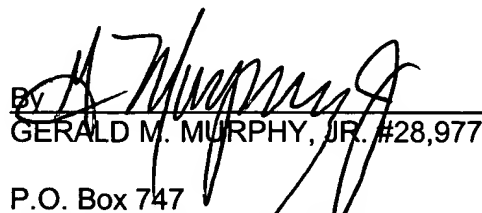
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